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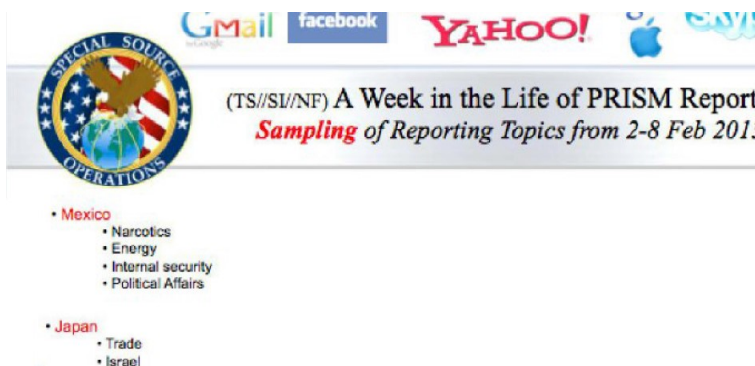
It appears that in their zeal to redact classified PowerPoint slides obtained from National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden, Glenn Greenwald and his collaborators have drawn attention to an act of omission.

When the first tranche of Snowden documents were presented by Greenwald to various newspapers and broadcasters in 2013, the TOP SECRET//SI//ORCON//NOFORN slide on PRISM targeting of various countries included Venezuela, Mexico, and Colombia as target nations.

However, in the same slide released in Greenwald's book "No Place to Hide," the same PRISM slide deletes Venezuela and Colombia but adds Japan, which appears underneath Mexico. And beneath the heading of Japan are two subject areas for NSA surveillance concentration: "trade," which is understandable, and "Israel," which may point to illegal Israeli nuclear weapons proliferation to that country. Whatever the interest of NSA in Japanese-Israeli relations, it appears that it dwarfs Japanese relations with China and South Korea, which are important in their own right.



Original slide on PRISM published in 2013



The newest version of the same slide published in Greenwald's book in 2014

On September 20, 2011, WMR reported on Israel's sale of nuclear weapons materials, including plutonium stolen from U.S. nuclear facilities, including Pantex in Texas:

"One of the countries that received re-sold American plutonium fuel from Israel was Japan. However, the Japanese soon discovered that the plutonium for which they were paying the Israelis top dollar was too old and provided only short-life usable nuclear weapons.

Japan decided to go it alone on their nuclear weapons development but not before they planned to blow the whistle on the Israeli and American smuggling operation to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Before the Japanese could act, the super-quake struck Japan, along with the devastating tsunami. At that point in time, Israel and the Americans programmed their Stuxnet computer virus to trigger the nuclear catastrophe at Fukushima, the major site for Japan's nuclear weapons development program. Stuxnet, developed to disrupt Iran's nuclear program, is also effective against the nuclear power generation systems of other nations using standard supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software, including the plutonium MOX fuel processing operations at Fukushima. Stuxnet can be used to blackmail recipients of the smuggled plutonium material, including MOX fuel, into silence. The Fukushima disaster destroyed physical evidence of the Israeli smuggling operation to Japan. However, Japanese intelligence possesses other evidence of the Israeli smuggling operations."

From the latest redacted and clearly altered NSA slide on Israel's relationship with Japan being targeted by the NSA, there is yet more evidence of Israel's clandestine military operations in East Asia. WMR has also reported on Japan's nuclear weapons cooperation with North Korea.

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